

Weekly Column for March 24, 2005

Happy Spring everyone. I knew it would be here sooner or later. I just wanted to take a quick minute to let everyone know about the upcoming Earth Day celebration, so I included my letter to volunteers this week.

Dear Volunteer:

To say this has been a long winter would be quite the understatement. Brutal is the word I tend to use. And yet we sit here in mid-March, and spring is upon us, in date, if not feel. With that in mind it is time to start planning the annual Earth Day cleanup. During the past 15 months we have strived to improve the look and feel of the City of Troy. This year, Earth Day will be a day to capitalize on those improvements. The scheduled date for the Earth Day cleanup is April 30th. As has been the tradition for the past few years, the Earth Day festival will take place on May 1st. Rensselaer County and the representatives from Mount Ida are currently planning that event.

In order for Earth Day to go off with as few hitches as possible, the City needs to establish who will be the project leaders and what project areas they are interested in. This year the first meeting for the cleanup will be on March 30th at 6 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room on the Second Floor of City Hall. We ask that anyone who is interested in participating in a project this year attend the meeting. If you cannot, do not worry, simply have someone contact Deputy Director of Public Information Jeff Buell at 270-4554 or e-mail him at jeff.buell@troyny.gov to sign up for a project.

Like last year, a sincere and concerted effort will be made by the Department of Public Works to have the debris from Earth Day removed as quickly as possible. I am also happy to announce that the Alamo in South Troy will be open this year as well.

If you have any questions about Earth Day do not hesitate to call Mr. Buell. Thank you for your time in advance and we look forward to making this the most successful Earth Day yet.

Sincerely,

Mayor Harry J. Tutunjian

P.S. I'll talk to everyone next week. I hope everyone has a safe and pleasant Holiday weekend.